

## Hot Tip: Proton pump inhibitors

Your Wellpoint patients may experience a pharmacy claim rejection when prescribed nonpreferred products. To avoid additional steps or delays at the pharmacy, consider prescribing preferred products whenever possible. Utilization Management edits may apply to select preferred products. Coverage should be verified by reviewing the *Preferred Drug List (PDL)* on the Wellpoint provider website. The *PDL* is subject to change quarterly.

Preferred products	Nonpreferred products
All brand and generic <u>OTC</u> strengths and formulations <sup>1</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OTC Zegerid (omeprazole-bicarbonate)</li> <li>OTC omeprazole-bicarbonate (generic OTC Zegerid)</li> </ul>	All brand and generic <u>prescription</u> strengths and formulations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zegerid (omeprazole-bicarbonate)</li> <li>Omeppi (omeprazole-bicarbonate)</li> <li>Omeprazole-bicarbonate (generic Rx Zegerid)</li> </ul>
All brand and generic <u>OTC</u> product strengths and formulations <sup>1</sup> See footnote for reference of available OTC strengths <sup>3</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OTC esomeprazole DR (generic Nexium)</li> <li>OTC lansoprazole DR (generic Prevacid)</li> <li>OTC Nexium 24hr (esomeprazole)</li> <li>OTC omeprazole (generic Prilosec)</li> <li>OTC Prevacid 24hr (lansoprazole)</li> <li>OTC Prilosec (omeprazole)</li> </ul>	All brand and generic <u>prescription</u> product strengths and formulations unless otherwise noted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aciphex (rabeprazole)</li> <li>Dexilant (dexlansoprazole)</li> <li>Esomeprazole (generic Nexium)</li> <li>Lansoprazole (Prevacid)</li> <li>Nexium (esomeprazole)</li> <li>Omeprazole<sup>2</sup> (generic Prilosec)</li> <li>Pantoprazole (generic Protonix)</li> <li>Prevacid (lansoprazole)</li> <li>Prilosec (omeprazole)</li> <li>Protonix (pantoprazole)</li> <li>Rabeprazole (generic Aciphex)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rx Omeprazole 20 mg capsule<sup>2</sup> (generic Prilosec)</li> <li>OTC Omeprazole ODT (generic Prilosec)</li> <li>OTC Prilosec ODT (omeprazole)</li> <li>OTC Lansoprazole ODT (generic Prevacid)</li> <li>OTC Prevacid Solutab (lansoprazole)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All other pediatric formulations<sup>4</sup></li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> All OTC products are available with a prescription.

<sup>2</sup> All omeprazole **prescription** strengths and formulations are nonpreferred except omeprazole 20 mg capsules, which are available for children less than 6 years old only; this is the preferred product for pediatric compounding or difficulty swallowing.

<sup>3</sup> Nexium/esomeprazole are available as 20 mg capsules and tablets. Prevacid/lansoprazole are available as 15 mg capsules. Prilosec/omeprazole are available as 20.6 mg DR capsules or 20 mg ODT tablets, capsules, and tablets.

<sup>4</sup> Individuals less than one year of age are NOT subject to step therapy through a preferred agent.

**Note:** Quantity limit for proton pump inhibitors = 2 doses/day for OTC Esomeprazole, OTC Omeprazole, OTC Lansoprazole, OTC Prevacid 24 hours, OTC Nexium 24 hours and 1 dose/day for all other PPIs.

If you have questions regarding this *Hot Tip*, please call Provider Services at **833-707-0868**, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET.

PDL: <https://providers.wellpoint.com/MD>